

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a thermally printable sheet ~~which comprises said method comprising~~ providing a substrate comprising a base sheet having at least one surface coated with a layer containing a pigment in solid porous particulate form, and, using a printer, printing onto the coated surface of said substrate, a thermal ink which comprises a colour former, a colour developer and a sensitizer, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the sensitizer comprises dimethyl terephthalate, and that the ink also comprises at least one pigment.

2. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claim in according to~~ claim 1, in which the colour former comprises 3-dibutylamino-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran.

3. (New) A method ~~as claim in according to~~ claim 2, in which 3-dibutylamino-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran is the only colour former present.

4. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 according to claim 1,~~ in which the colour developer is bisphenol A.

5. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claim in according to~~ claim 4, in which bisphenol A is the only colour developer present.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5 claim 1,~~ in which the ink is free of wax.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6 claim 1,~~ in which the pigment in the ink is calcined clay, precipitated calcium carbonate, and/or silica.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1 to 7 claim 1, in which the particle size of solids present in the ink is less than 1.5μ , preferably less than 1.0μ .

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1 to 8 claim 1, in which the ink also comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

10. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9 according to claim 1~~, in which the pigment comprised in the layer coating the base sheet is calcined clay, precipitated calcium carbonate and/or silica.

11. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 10, in which said layer also comprises at least one additional pigment.

12. (Currently Amended) A method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 11, in which said additional pigment is a plastic pigment in the form of hollow spheres.

13. (Currently Amended) A thermally printable sheet which comprises a base sheet having at least one surface coated with a layer containing a pigment in solid porous particulate form, there being printed upon said coated surface, a thermal ink which comprises a colour former, a colour developer and a sensitizer, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the sensitizer is comprises dimethyl terephthalate, and that the ink also comprises at least one pigment.

14. (Currently Amended) A sheet ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 13, in which the colour former comprises 3-dibutylamino-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran.

15. (Currently Amended) A sheet ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 14, in which 3-dibutylamino-6-methyl-7-anilinofluoran is the only colour former present.

16. (Currently Amended) A sheet ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 13, in which the colour developer is bisphenol A.

17. (Currently Amended) A sheet ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 16, in which bisphenol A is the only colour developer present.

18. (Currently Amended) A sheet according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 17~~ claim 13, in which the ink is free of wax.

19. (Currently Amended) A sheet according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 18~~ claim 13, in which the pigment in the ink is calcined clay, precipitated calcium carbonate, and/or silica.

20. (Currently Amended) A sheet according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 19~~ claim 13, in which the particle size of solids present in the ink is less than 1.5 μ .

21. (Currently Amended) A sheet according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 20~~ claim 13, in which the ink also comprises polyvinyl alcohol.

22. (Currently Amended) A sheet according to ~~any one of claims 13 to 21~~ claim 13, in which the pigment comprised in the layer coating the base sheet is calcined clay, precipitated calcium carbonate and/or silica.

23. (Currently Amended) A sheet according to ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 22, in which said layer also comprises at least one additional pigment.

24. (Currently Amended) A sheet according to ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 23, in which said additional pigment is a plastic pigment in the form of hollow spheres.